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Railway Managers Responsible Only to the Director-General.

Mr. McApoo's sweeping removal of every railroad president from duty as the Government of the roads themselves. There never was another such slaughter of consolcuous and commanding figures in American industrial life. It is, however, the cold logic of sure evolution.

The Government has made itself responsible primarily for the effective operation of the roads as a war measure. If this gigantic experiment is a away from the national Administra- rects; and we should probably pay If to give the service which in this war is essential to the welfare and safety of the nation-the service which was the justification of the Government's seizure of the roadsthe Treasury were called upon to pour into our transportation system not merely hundreds of millions but billions of dollars, no less than that very thing would have to be done. However colossal the undertaking and however lasting the consequences, there is for the Government, once in this business, no escape.

The national Administration, then, getting results, naturally demands, just as anybody else would demand. its own managers, not only obedient to but sympathetic with the supreme authority. What head of a railroad under private control would not demand of his subordinates the same thing? What head of any great organization would not demand it? Who could succeed without it?

It is true that there is another responsibility-to the stockholders, the livery in the residence districts is to owners, of the railway systems which be eliminated, although "it remains have been taken over by the Govern- with the people to decide whether the 29th of May last, and an object of cenment. It cannot fall to shock them delivery is eliminated finally." that, except in the matter of financial gunrantee for the time being, the owners of the billions of dollars of railway property in the United States are now without any authority, without even any representation, in the handling of their property.

Unquestionably the Director-General of Railroads will take many, perhaps a majority, of the operating heads whom he has swept out of had their business mail directed to office as presidents and make them their offices. It has been the comhis Federal managers. Great railway executives do not grow on every bush. In the stupendous work which it has to perform with the railroads the whatever magazines and postal cards Government would be mad to toss into the discard the ablest and most successful of them, along with the weakest and most doubtful. Nevertheless, though Mr. McApoo should retain the greater part of the railway presidents in the exact functions which they have been performing, the fact Gazette. would remain that they would no longer hold the slightest responsibility setting week end preparations. to the stockholders and boards of directors. Every man henceforth at the resigned. head of an American rallway will be accountable only to the national Ad- Saharan Relief League. ministration, or its representative, to whom he becomes subordinate.

Here is a conflict unavoidable-s conflict between secondary responsibillty to the owners of the roads when the Director-General's primary reproclaimed to be to the nation in a war for its life. But we are bound to say that, being in this railway business as we are and compelled to go through with it as we must, whether the Federal control and operation shall be for a season or forever, the other business man would have donehas done what he could not have long ber of the Entente alliance and by kept from doing. Since it had to come, no doubt he has done well to make a quick job of it.

Investigate and Speed Up! with the resolution of inquiry adopted public at the time that the Bolsheby the Senate yesterday, because it vik Government ransacked the Rusempowers the Committee on Military slan imperial archives of secret Affairs to pursue the investigations treaties. Among its provisions was companies are doing their part to into the conduct of the war that a one which secured to Italy the Dalmajority of its members and a ma- matian coast with territory reaching as their authority and power extend jority of the members of the Senate to the Dinaric Alps, on the Bosnin- they are giving the public the prodeem to be expedient and necessary Herzegovinian frontier, and the isi- tection to which it is entitled.

The supporters of the Administration in the Senate are satisfied with Powers to impress upon the Serbs and it because it differs from the Cham- the Austrian Slavs that the Allies had berlain resolution in such a way that bargained to turn over to Italy sevthe President should not construe its eral thousand Slavic people without make complaints, to testify in court, house instead of going after jobs as cor-

of our military affairs.

The resolution is satisfactory to the unbiased and exhaustive inquiry into Monarchy. certain developments of our war makact is involved.

One Six One Senate and the public were interested, would merely substitute imperial RusTear. Months. Month
and as soon as the truth is known the
Sis for Austria as a rival for supremtion 3.50 ... law or popular opinion will punish acy in the Adriatic. The Italian irrias they merit the wrongdoers who may be disclosed, and give credit where credit is due for good work.

Meanwhile, speed in aircraft building, in shipbuilding and in munition making is what is needed, and it is gratifying to observe that from every we are getting.

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Pay Your Debt:

Three days remain in which those who have not so far paid what they owe to the Red Cross can discharge their indebtedness. sign of the liquidation of their obligation will be a small badge, without which the costume of no Ameri can is complete. The inward satisfaction felt by the possessor of this decoration is comparable to that experienced by a man who has at last succeeded in cancelling an honest debt which circumstances have pre vented him for-a-considerable period from discharging.

We speak without affectation or pretence of the debt that every one of executive manager was scarcely less us owes to the Red Cross. That orof a sensation than the taking over by ganization, by its numerous agencies for the relief of suffering among our soldiers, their families and the sol diers and people of the nations that are fighting with us, has put us all in its debt. It is doing work for us, work to protect and safeguard us, that is second in importance only to the work our soldiers and sallors are doing. Were it not in existence we should be called on to pay through failure the biame cannot be shifted other channels for the labors it dia much higher price than we are now called on to pay. The notion that the Red Cross is merely desirable is false and pernicious; it is essential. We could not get along without its ministrations at home and abroad, and we are fortunate in that this fact has been recognized by the able and disinterested men who have volunteered

to administer its affairs. If anybody wants to call his contribution to the Red Cross a gift, we shall not quarrel with him about a owed to the constituted authorities word. But our conception of support by a man engaged in training young of the Red Cross is that it constitutes men must be of value at this time. charged with the full responsibility of a magnificent opportunity for every person in the country to demonstrate by a definite and effective act his understanding of the enormous burden of obligation that has been put on his in response to their invitation to him shoulders by civilization.

Without the Night Mail.

One evening event of so many quiet households is to disappear, perhaps for all summer. Postmaster Patten the board. announces that the 8 P. M. mail de

retrenchment:

"Men say that when they reach their nomes at night they don't want to re ceive business letters. They want to for get their business troubles until the following day."

This is an utterly new complaint. We had an idea that business men mon belief that the evening mail, as to that object. dropped on the doormat by the West Indian person-after he has read it included-consisted of something

like the following: One gas bill.

One tailor shop postcard.

One appeal from the Society for Res cuing the Rugs from the Turks. One copy of the Goldfish Breeders

One note (violet to match stamp) up

Three letters for a maid long since

One appeal for old raincoats for the

It may be wrong to keep letter carthe 8 P. M. mail; but the plaint of necessities of our case in the midst of the business man is non-ense. Such the battle for freedom in which we communications as come at night are are now engaged are not less urgent rather restful. Rarely do they need than they were when the Confedersponsibility is frankly and necessarily an answer. But they are nothing acy's great captain wrote these words with which to begin a morning.

Director-General has done what any This has been brought about by the an intelligent, educated, brave gentle-

increasing strength in southern separate state.

The original agreement, which was Senator CHAMBERLAIN is satisfied entered into in April, 1915, was made reputable and noisy quarters. ands of the eastern Adriatic. This agreement was used by the Central they cannot do a complete job by

Hungary in her endeavors to secure the support of the disaffected races

Italy did not attempt to deny the ing that cannot be impartially ex- agreement at the time of its publicaposed by any instrumentality of the tion, but held that the provision was executive department, either because made entirely upon strategic grounds, of self-interest or because no criminal and that it was so understood by Serbia and Montenegro. Her contention Thus everybody is satisfied with was that the South Slav state planned the outcome of this interesting en- by the Allies would be only a westcounter, in which the President, the ern outpost of Russia and that Italy would merely substitute imperial Rus-

Slavic states was formed two years sone of urban travel.

est racial element in the nation. With the reasons for the existence of the original treaty removed Italy was in a position to substitute for it a new agreement with Jugoslavia. An Italian deputation and a commitdefine the new Italian policy. The between the Czechs-Slovaks and the in the trial at Chicago. Jugo Slavs on one side and the Itallans on the other, and to remove permanently any future disagreement regarding the Balkans and the Adriatic coast. The new treaty thus makes possible for the first time the establishment of a strong southern Slav state and intensifies the most serious peril to the integrity of Austria-Hungary of any movement of disaffection since the beginning of the war.

The Duty of an Instructor of Youth

So much false reasoning has reinstructors in educational institu- rect action." tions who maintain that their calling confers on them unusual prisages The subjoined sentences are taken from the letter written on August 24. 1865, to the trustees of Washington College, Virginia, by ROBERT E. LEE, to accept the presidency of that historic seat of learning:

"There is another subject which has caused me serious reflection, and is, I think, worthy of the consideration of

"Being excluded from the terms of amnesty in the proclamation of the President of the United States, of the sure to a portion of the country, I have thought it probable that my occupation of the position of president [of the college] might draw upon the college a feeling o hostility; and I should therefore cause injury to an institution which it would

be my highest desire to advance. "I think it the duty of every citizen in the present condition of the country to do all in his power to aid in the restoration of peace and harmony, and in no way to oppose the policy of the twenty millions; or, more truly, by the values. No doubt he believes that State or general Government directed

"It is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the young to set them an example of sub mission to authority, and I could not onsent to be the cause of animadver-

sion upon the college." The logic and unaffected good will recorded in General Lee's words, his of Petrograd, having been allowed help us finance the war is like putting specific. clear perception of the gravity of the to choose exile in Rumania or exile duties imposed upon an educator, and in Switzerland, has chosen the latter. his unclouded understanding of the The need for an adequately equipped needs of the country in the serious time in which he wrote, are peculiarly desirable in the struggle for peace and harmony in which we are now engaged. The duty of instructors of youth to set them an example of submission to authority is as press riers out in the night air delivering ing to-day as it was in 1865. The

of true patriotism and wisdom We commend General LEE's letter to the attention of collegiate super It is anounced from Rome that the visors who are troubled with manioriginal treaty by which Italy en- festations of an insubordinate, dematered the war has been replaced by gogic and reckless spirit in their another agreement with the Allies. faculties. They are the utterance of passing of Russia as an active mem- man, whose reputation for fearlessness and integrity is beyond ques tion; and they should stiffen the surope of the South Slav, or Jugo backbone of any waverer who may Slav, movement for the formation of have been influenced by the perverted signification now given to the phrase "academic freedom" in certain dis-

Punish the Street Car Rowdles.

The police and the transportation suppress street car rowdles. So far

But however active they may b themselves. They need the coopera tion of citizens and the support of th courts. Citizens must be ready to adoption into a vote of want of confi- their consent. It became an espe- to hold up the hands of the patrol-

dence in him and in his management cially effective weapon to Austria- men and detectives who make ar- THE ECONOMIC PUTURE. rests. The case against an accuse person is always greatly strengthened nation because it insures a thorough, of the southern portion of the Dual by the introduction of testimony from a witness who is not a member of the police force.

The courts can and should help

Many of us realize the price in blood make the transportation lines safe by imposing heavy penalties on men and money. But few see the econom found guilty of assaults and misde- dangers. Let us not call him pessimis meanors in the cars. Whatever plea who points out these dangers. His m may be made in behalf of a man who tives are not to discourage but to make has misbehaved in a public conveyance it should always be borne in realise certain economic fallacies mind that his offence is something more than an infringement of the is that because the billions of Liberty personal rights of an individual citi- Loans and the billions we lend to ou dentists insisted on providing against zen. The street car rowdy attacks allies are spent here it makes "busines this by annexations that would give a secure control over this sea.

The revolution removed Russian or pleasure in peace. The terror inimperialism as a menace to the Adri- spired by blackguards affects every | As a matter of fact this means that atic. Russia was no longer the head person in the community. It is re-leach day we become fifty cents per of an aggressive Pan-Slavism that flected in the refusal of mothers to capita poorer, \$150 a year, for every side come reports that speed is what could control in southeastern Europe. take their infants to the parks, in the that we fail to produce a like amount In its place there was started a sacrifice of social intercourse by older of wealth other than money. strong movement for a union of the persons, in disordered nerves and in fifty cents a day goes into things like Slavs of the Balkans and southern disturbed physical conditions among clothing, shelter, transportation, mines Austrian provinces. A definite or- those who are subjected to the ordeal &c. it is not destroyed but only changed ganization by representatives from of a trip that includes the danger in form. But if it is spent for ammun

ago at Corfu. Its growth since then . A vigorous and united campaign was shown recently by statements in against car rowdles now will put an total supply of money is impaired by the Austrian Parliament that the end to this serious development of Czechs, who represent the north Slavs city life. A few good jall sentences of the Dual Monarchy, had joined will teach good manners even to rufwith the Jugo Slavs and that the flans, and stern repression to-day will union formed the numerically strong- mean peace and comfort as long as the season lasts.

The Real Spirit of the I. W. W.

The newspapers and underdone psychologists who believe, or profess to believe, that the Industrial Workers tee of Slavs met in London and drew of the World are really a group of up a friendly agreement, which has spiritual crusaders, "whose acts are permitted Signor Andre Torre to merely symptoms of a disease," may have trouble to reconcile this view understanding is said to be complete with the evidence that has come out

CHARLES L. LAMBERT, who is one of the six members of the general executive board of the I. W. W., has the letter writing habit-an unwise passion for criminals to indulge. He wrote to one of his spiritual comrades as follows:

"There is so little justice toward our class that we will have to change our tactics, and in the future when one of our class is murdered in the interest of capitalism two of theirs should be murdered in the interest of labor, and then the authorities will have more respect cently been forced on the public by for us. We will have to use more di-

The "one of our class" who had been "murdered" in this particular under the high sounding title of case was a man who had been con-"academic freedom," that a dispas- victed of murder and legally exesionate statement of the responsibility cuted. A letter even more illuminatheard of the death of an officer of with traction companies, gas and electhe law:

"They finally got our old friend Sheriff has dodged everything successfully for the last five years from poison to bullets, but finally he fell and died after four hours of terrible agony from polsoning of some kind. He lived five are largely in the securities of years too long."

What could be more Prussian than this elation over the "terrible agony" of a poisoned enemy? If LAMBERT that disease would have America at over and adjusting the difference be- served in than to itself. These places death's door. But he is not a symptom, only a criminal.

He and his fellows are bound together not only by class hatred but by. individual viciousness.

The Ukrainian food bubble has burst, a German "pipe."

hattan in the third Liberty Loan campaign may be measured in part by the money they brought in-nearly number of subscriptions, 90,000. Of matters not how much sliver we add to the most successful women's organi- our money metal as long as the law Women on National Defence turned ideas are as dangerous as if we made in the highest card, \$2,845,000. The a Christian Scientist Surgeon-General. most active organization evidently was It is unpatriotic to point out danger the Stage Women's War Rellef, which only if the conditions are unavoidable. sold 13.874 bonds of a total value of One of our avoidable mistakes is the \$2,401,000.

Mr. NICHOLAS ROMANOFF, formerly and centrally located Old Kings' Home

year will be the result of the United States putting 5,000,000 men in the field. according to wool dealers Topics of the

Not even this will materially lesser wool" suits.

a curse must have expressed the emo tions of many disgusted citizens over the so far futile efforts of police officials to relieve the force of a German member who has added insubordination to insolence in expressing his pro-Germanism. This German, "naturalized" in 1905 and made a police officer in 1907, after refusing to join a police proved of the war, refused to obey the order of a superior officer because its fulfilment would aid the Red Cross Now "the Corporation Counsel's office pose?-why, to learn if there is any legal means of preventing an armed anti-American German from receiving pay for exercising police power and exercising authority over patriotic

The Ku Kluz on a New Job. From the Houston Post.

American citizens!

long time since any the mysterious clan has found new life in Alabama-evoked by the great numb And the idlers got a hint that this is the time for everybody to be busy

The Candidates' Hard Lines From the Emporia Gazette.

Among those entitled to your sympathy are those Lyon county young men who must explain through the campaign why THE UNLIKE GEORGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEP! I

other year, or even two. Let us not de

tion, guns, torpedoes, &c., it is economic

cally destroyed forever. The money i

the amount spent for war material. And

soared and will continue to soar. By

tenuated to a fifty cent piece in all but

We are being rapidly educated in

tics, strategy and other military mat-

ters. We need as urgently economic

education. It is as important for our

precipitation the most inexcusable.

Usurped.

The Timber Cruiser.

Down forest aisles moss foored

'athedral naves, dim, arched. Whose branching columns bend And clash their branching tops

An axe his aceptre— Where he sets his mark Death follows close.

His subjects serried stand

The warmly glowing beech,

A man apart whom cities irk What should he care

Who sees the blood root shine

The delicate anemone, fawn lilles,

And the reaching tendrils Of virescent shades innumerable

While down through the silences

Of rough mailed conffers

For noise and garishness

Under dropped logs.

lone bird voices drop

Partner is he of Pan.

And consort of the dryads. Wood creatures whisper

Close kept secrets to him;

And on his way Old truths he ponders,

Things in essence,

And meekly walt his coming-Scarred oaks gray birches,

conomic Gallipeli.

NEW YORK, May 22.

looks as if the war might last an

Is There Need for a General Business Kings Change, but the Ordens and Staff to Protect Us?

Biddles Remain American. the review of the American forces in ing character in American history and glanced at his portrait in my study wearing the badge of the Society of the Cincinnati conspicuously.

What would have been the thoughts

of that American officer while fighting against George III. could be have known that 132 years later a great-grandson of his would stand beside George V. and The most popular of these fallacle review an American army in England? For such is the case. General John Biddle, now in command of our forces in England, is a great-grandson of Colonel Aaron Ogden of our Revolution.

Whatever have been and will be the horrors of this war, one blessing will result: The family quarrel of 1776 forgotten and the wounds left therefrom so obliterated by the mingled blood of the English speaking races, forever reunited in cousinly affection, will, with our heroic allies of France, Italy and Japan, be ready, eager and able to keep the world civilised until the Hun shrivels away like a snall upon which salt has been sprinkled. CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARTER

ELIBABETH, N. J., May 23.

ALCOHOL'S PLACE.

Protest Against Putting the Old King Into the Constitution.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SET: NOname and form. It is likely to go to twenty-five cents. And nothing will body is more opposed to the misuse hasten the advent of the twenty-five and abuse of alcohol than I, not even cent dellar more than the twenty-five and abuse of alcohol than I, not even cent dollar more than the legislation THE SUN. Yet it seems to me that about to be submitted to Congress before the country rushes into the aclegalizing the unlimited coinage of sil- of amending the Constitution we should er on the basis of one dollar an ounce consider the question from a dispassi ate point of view and then act with calm To put the arbitrary price of \$1 an ounce on all silver and turning it into coin judgment. There are several points that is not raising the price of silver. It is I have not seen touched upon which I lowering the price of gold; that is, of the should like the opportunity to present. Undoubtedly alcohol has been the Now what is going to happen when

cause of many ills that the world is heir the dollar is worth but twenty-five cents to; yet is it wise to remove the cause in purchasing power? Let us "economic of these ille? Will legislation do it? "dollar is a dollar" always. The child The first natural fermentation that that looks out of a car window as a plants pass through is alcoholic. No faster train goes by thinks his train is law made by man can change this. If That is about the it were possible, it would be at a great mental state of our economic infants risk to the human family, for fermentation is nature's way of destroying putting dollar dollars into life insurance vegetable matter. When vegetable matinto savings banks, into bonds, face the ter starts to decay changes take place prospect of their widows and orphans

receiving twenty-five cent dollars where order which if interrupted, which in some they expected to leave them dollar cases may be done, produces other changes, the results of which are more deadly and dangerous to living organ take twenty-five cent dollars in place of tedly an evil in its abuse, it really is boon and protection to the human race In this country unfortunately we have tions, salaried people (whose number is legion), widows and orphans living on learned to think of alcohol in terms of be the effect on the corporations who drinks. These are its most pernicious must pay out four of these twenty-five forms. cent dollars where they used to spend moderation certainly is not injurious to one, or take in only a twenty-five cent most adults. The light wines used dollar where they used to take in a tensively in Europe certainly have far ing was written by Lawsear when he dollar dollar? That will be the case less injurious effects on the human sys drinking of raw (unboiled) water is whose earnings are fixed by law and very dangerous, especially in thickly MEADOWS of Imperial Valley. This rat like would only mitigate the evil. And doubt that if the statistics could what of the financial institutions, eav-ings banks, &c. whose assets are largely and hardships would be credited to invested in such securities? How long water than to good cheap wine, such a will such companies remain solvent? I have often bought in France for ten How long will the banks whose assets cents a quart. companies remain solvent with four dangerous than fermented for the rea-

twenty-five cent dollars in operating son that alcohol sterilises a liquid, while expenses against one twenty-five cent unfermented liquid is a most excellent dollar gross earnings? They did face culture bed for all forms of bacteria. Beer is very moderately alcoholic. Its were only the symptom of a disease, met by the Government taking these abuse is due more to the places it is tween the two fifty cent dollars spent have grown up in this country more and the one fifty cent dollar received, because our housewives are not properly and by doing so saved us from a great educated than for any other cause. A wife's desire for social rather than do-

mestic advancement. Temptations resisted makes strong character. Temptations removed makes law makers as military knowledge and weaklings. without it where would civilization be now one of the highest financial powers Strong drinks are destructive. in the country once said that it mat- many a character never would have been tered not how plentiful gold became as without it. One atrong good character long as it remained the standard of is worth a world of weak ones. To write into the Constitution of the United States prohibition is a most

dangerous precedent. That documen sations the Mayor's Committee of says it is worth a doller an ounce. Such was wisely drawn. It is the fundamen tal principle of laws to govern a grow ing country. Its conception is broad. I leaves to Congress the powers and rights to put into effect what prohibiproposed law authorizing the free time see fit. If at this time we change it, we shall change it from a genera and underlying principle of law to saured. To debase the currency to

Some will say: Bid not the slaver; amendment do this? I say no. The water into milk to belp feed the popuare diametrically opposed. Slavery i the result of the strong ruling the weak into our "silver bullets" their effective-It denies equal rights to mankind. It ness will be impaired. Of all our dangers it is the most avoidable, its 15 natural. Prohibition, on the other hand attempts to control by false legislation It took the Ailies almost four years to decide upon a unified command under a natural law which is beyond its power to effect. Let us beware how we dis General Foch, backed by one General turb one of the friest legal documents Staff. We need a unified economi ever conceived by the brain of man. General Staff to coordinate all the mili-If the nation cannot trust itself, le tary, financial and economic factors of Congress enact a law forbidding the use this war. Free silver would prove an and consumption of alcohol, but do not CHARLES VEEIN. let us attempt to restrict the actions of coming generations, which, let us hope will be stronger than us. C. S. WURTS. The Stork-I suppose the planepost wil get all the credit now.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.

SAUERKRAUT. Various Methods by Which It Becomes

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Ther rould be no prejudice against sauerkraut, and as it is a cheap and whole-

ket may give it a deserved place in our detary. To get the fullest value some of the liquid should be eaten with it, as this liquid contains a large percentage of

lactic acid. Extremely satisfactory results are at tained by adding some milk or cream. also by using it with tomato sauce, the

Sauerkraut is easily digestible, the cellular tissues being softened in the fermentation. An excellent dish is made by cooking it with pig's feet, or with bacon rind, both cheap, I notice in the same issue of your

paper in which sauerkraut is called to our attention that some one advises wheat flour should be used with the potatoes. That is not necessary; out meal flour, rice flour, barley, rye. all take the place of wheat flour satisfac-ELISABETH FREEMAN. NEW TORK, May 12.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE DURING AND AFTER' THE WAR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC: On reading in THE SUN of last Sunday of It Must Be Maintained, Extended and Protected by the Business Con munity and the Government.

> just held at Cincinnati, Ohio, calling attention to the need of the maintenance of our foreign trade as an essential part of a strong war policy, are contained in a leastet now being issued the chairman of which is Mr. James A. Farrell, president of the United

States Steel Corporation.

At the opening session of the convention a general committee, thoroughly representative of the foreign business of the country, was appointed. This committee, after hearing the discussion of the convention theme at the general sessions, and after receiving the re-ports of the different group sessions, prepared a report from which the subjoined paragraphs are taken, which was submitted at the closing session of the convention and unanimously ratified as the convention's final

The Fifth National Foreign Trade Convention was assembled to consider the part of foreign trade in winning the war. Comprehensive reports were submitted from many of the basic elements of our overseas commerce, mak-ing clear the effective manner in which they are sustaining the war service of

the nation.

New enormous and imperative demand for materials for military cessity must be met, requiring read-Production must be atimulated, as millions of tons of commodities will be required. New shippards are being built and vessel construction is proceeding on a scale calling for the support of every department of American industry and of every productive interest.

To play its part in winning the war ican foreign trade must be maintained both as a support of national credit and a source of materials required in military and naval operations. The war needs of the Entente Powers vastly expanded our commerc between 1914 and 1917. Our own entry into the war calls for the maintenance of trade with the great mar-kets that are the economic if not the political allies of the nations fighting Germany. Latin America, Asia and ceania are as dependent upon the United States for merchandise to sus-States is dependent upon them for essential war materials and food. Recognition of this mutual obligation and the least possible deviation from it except the military advantage justifies, is shown by the experience of other nations at war to be sound war policy.

The imperative need of the hour the presence in the North Atlantic in military transport without weakening the lines of supply of our forces which originate in all the non-European markets. Sacrifices necessary to this end will be gladly borne. The members of this convention, individually and through the National Forplace at the Government's disposal their experience and information to diately the Government and the forthe end that the determination of the essential character of the various trades and the necessary curtailment of exports and imports shall be both practical and effective. . .

In the granting of permission to export preference may well be given. ment of our labor, our factories and apart from products needed for war, our merchant marine.

Desperate Plight of a Bond Buying A Vigorous Denunciation of Bad Taste

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! This business is getting on my nerves. I have diligently subscribed they are called, were presented last right to all the drives to get the buttons, and when I go home with James W. Gerard truly said, as he lapels proudly decorated the children made his fine direct appeal for the Red steal them—the buttons, of course. They don't mean any wrong; they think ganda they would influence public opinit's their bit toward winning the war. ian not only on this side of the Atlantic What shall I do about it? I could put but on the other. them in my pocket at night, but then I might try to pass one in on a subway ticket seller and get the coop, or attempt of our men doing setting up exercise slip some in the collection plate and supremely good. It was displayed, by not get away with it. Besides, some of the buttons have pins and they would up to the mark, and at least one, of the stick me. The only solution I can think of is to keep on subscribing to all the street, faked. For to obtain the imdrives and thus insure a constant, even supply of buttons. It will not take more than half my income.

LEWIS C. GROVER. EAST ORANGE, N. J., May 22.

NO TAX ON BACHELORS. Legislation Will Never Bring About Happy Marriages.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: No. Mr. Bronson, there is as yet no State tax on bachelors, and such a measure is rather repugnant to American manhood and womanhood, if the object in state of matrimony.

to accelerate or cement a happy marriage. Man should woo and win woman solely on her own merit and charm, as a woman should also choose a man on his own individual worth.

the one of meeting the desirable man Methinks woman doesn't even give marriage a thought these stirring times

unless the right man happens to loom up large before her discerning and fascinating eyes, when mischievous Dan registers another "claim" to his credit, doubt very much whether the little blind (?) god would entertain an idea of such sinister help as Mr. Bronson suggests in his inquiry, for such a step could not possibly bring together congenial souls, much as I believe that there is certainly the woman for every man omewhere.

Perhaps we had better keep our affections warm, continue to help our Uncle ing to the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the gallant boys over there, and devoting our spare time to music, literature, travel and kindred subjects paper-THE SUN-and trust to the future to bring to us our heart's desires be the wait! BAR HARBOR, Me., May 20.

Joy of the Journey. From the Atlanta Constitution It's still the long way an' the lead,
And thorns around us springin';
And 'fore we've rected on the road
The risin' call is ringin';
But here's the loy the world is knowin'The readiness to karp a goin'!

Final proposals adopted by the Fifth | to those which will tend in the largest National Foreign Trade Convention degree to strengthen our manufac-A merchant marine is being created of tonnage sufficient ultimately to pro-

vide for the maintenance of necessary expert and import trade during the sion of that trade after the war, provided that extra war costs of construccosts (with due allowance for depreciation) of the competing shipping of foreign nations after the war. Allowances also must be made for any extra cost of operation of these American steamships by reason of any handlosy imposed by our shipping laws as compared with those of other nations. . . .

The present congestion of Eastern ports is an impediment to success in the war. The Southern Atlantic and Gulf ports, not now crowded, should be more freely utilized. The improvement and extension of inland waterways under a broad and economical tional means of transportation essen tial to supplement our railway system and to insure the most effective util sation of our terminals and merchant

The best preparation for an effective after the war trade policy is adherence to sound business principles in the Department of State, with the dippartment of Commerce, the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Trade Commission, the Tariff Commission and the Shipping Board can assist American enterprise by the negotiation of advantageous commercia treaties by collecting and disseminating more extensive and detailed infermation of foreign markets and suggesting improved financing, selling and purchasing methods.

The failure of Congress to grant adequate appropriations for foreign trade promotion through the diplomatic and consular services and the Department of Commerce is a national

To meet world competition Amer ican business must be relieved of disadvantages imposed by legislation and protected by governmental action tain their productivity as the United from possible discrimination in for eign markets. Whatever be its underlying principles, the United States tariff system should possess adequate resources for the encouragement and protection of the foreign trade of the United States. To assure to the United States the continuance of the favorable treatment which our com merce enjoyed before the war and to of as great tonnage as can be handled protect American exports against discrimination in foreign markets Conflexible or bargaining tariff.

preparation of other nations to inves tigate and inventory their national assets in anticipation of the recon Trade Council, stand ready to struction era. The National Foreign eign trade interests to undertake a similar survey with special reference to sources of supply of imported raw likely to arise after the war and the exports necessary for the full employ-

WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON? "PERSHING'S CRUSADERS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIT THE shing's Crusaders," official war films as to a large and enthusiastic audience. Cross, that more than all other propa-

The pictures were some of them good some, such as that one of the multitude the way, for too short a time. Some no column of infantry hurrying up a French pression of large numbers the men were marched round and round. Such . thing should not be.

But, sir, these criticisms are triffing What I protest against with all my s is that the descriptive insets it think they are called) are the work of some utterly incompetent and blundering per-

Here is a presentation to the country at large of what we are doing and was we sim to do. Millions will see !! educational power is immense, and a some publicity man, who knows so of history that he says our crues are worthy imitators of the red ores men of 800 years ago, who, by the way would have thoroughly approved of the No external measures are necessary Kaiser's methods in Beigium, Armenia and northern France, lowed to introduce scene after scene " some boastful declaration of what Arne ica has done or will do, or with some There is only one difficulty in the way courage of our foes, as when we see 'w' meaningless and vulgar sneer at " of more numerous matches, and that is or three of our soldiers sharpening their bayonets, and the publicity man ear "The Boche is afraid of cold steel

Germany stands before the world ! day proved to lack many things. Nine but fools can question her courage. The worst sin against all good tast

est American gentleman command our army in France, an army that prices our dearest and our best an army that in its personnel, it , mand and its staff organization yet had no chance to submit itself whole to the rude test of batter, is feat

tured as "Victorious Pershing" In the audience on Tuesday night war men who had seen war. English, Fran Canadian officers. I wonder what t thought as one after another of these vulgar and boastful insets were ladthe screen. I know how I felt, and how our boys in France that night w

feel had they seen what we all east We are not a nation of braggarte cads, and there is an element : best and finest spirit in the Amer people and in the American ar

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Nutt vs. Knut, 54 Miss. 465.